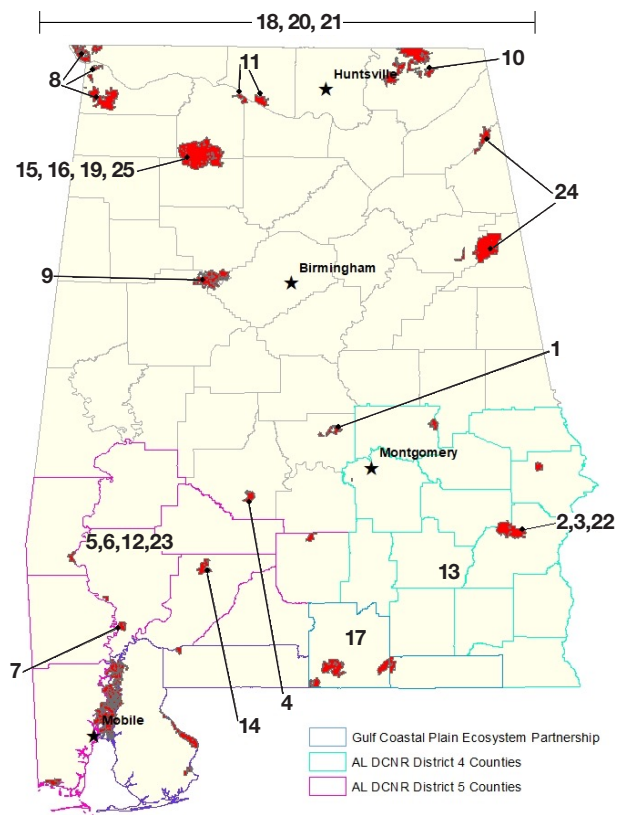




AL-NWTF 2023-24 Wild Turkey Habitat Projects

Each year, the Alabama State Chapter of the NWTF (AL-NWTF) allocates funds for a variety of wild turkey management projects on public lands throughout the state. Funding for these projects is provided through the NWTF Super Fund from revenue generated by NWTF members at Hunting Heritage banquets, other fundraising events and from proceeds from the sale of AL-NWTF specialty vehicle license plates. You can find out more information about local events and how to purchase your own specialty license plate at: <https://your.nwtf.org/members/events/> and <http://www.alnwtf.org/tag-fund>.

Funding for these projects totaled \$183,613 for the 2023-24 project period, which runs from September 1 - August 31, and included 25 projects across the state. When considering the additional \$853,691 of cooperator and in-kind funding provided for these projects, the total program value for the 2023-24 project period is \$1,037,304. More importantly, the projects listed in the table below will enhance over 121,000 acres while providing nesting, brood rearing and foraging habitats critical to help increase the odds of nest initiation, nest success and brood survival. In addition, many of the projects will impact nearly the same acreages on an annual basis due to equipment being used in multiple years.



Habitat for the Hatch

Alabama has 19 projects contributing to NWTF's newest Habitat for the Hatch Initiative. This landscape-scale effort will lead to more robust wild turkey populations and healthier ecosystems across the Southeast. Through the 2023-24 approved projects, Alabama has over 121,000 acres that will be attributed to the initiative with an overall project value of \$890,531.



Projects	Locations	Project Description	Anticipated Acreage Impacted	In-Kind Match	Dollars Allocated	Habitat for the Hatch Initiative
1	Charles D. Kelly-Autauga WMA	Non-Native Invasive Treatment	60	\$10,000	\$5,000	X
2	Barbour WMA	Early Successional Habitat Management	3,000	\$5,959	\$2,979	X
3	Barbour WMA	Early Successional Habitat Management	-	\$622	\$311	-
4	Cedar Creek SOA	Prescribed Burning	800	\$10,667	\$5,333	X
5	AL DCNR District 5	Prescribed Burning	2,800	\$1,298	\$649	X
6	AL DCNR District 5	Prescribed Burning	3,000	\$14,783	\$7,391	X
7	Fred T. Stimpson SOA	Mulching	20	\$4,000	\$4,000	X
8	Freedom Hills, Lauderdale, and Riverton WMAs	Early Successional Habitat Management	315	\$2,163	\$1,081	-
9	Mullberry Fork WMA	Early Successional Habitat Management	50	\$2,920	\$1,081	-
10	James D. Martin-Skyline WMA	Prescribed Burning	400	\$2,221	\$1,111	X
11	Swan Creek and Mallard Fox WMAs	Prescribed Burning	500	\$362	\$362	X
12	AL DCNR District 5	Prescribed Burning	1,500	-	\$181	X
13	AL DCNR District 4	Prescribed Burning	1,200	\$977	\$977	X
14	Red Hills WMA	Prescribed Burning	611	\$4,580	\$2,500	X
15	Bankhead NF	Non-Native Invasive Treatment	150	\$11,000	\$1,610	X
16	Bankhead NF	Mulching	50	\$100,000	\$13,950	X
17	Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem Partnership	Prescribed Burning	30,000	\$151,323	\$10,000	X
18	Statewide	Prescribed Burning and Non-Native Invasive Treatment	70,000	\$295,000	\$25,000	X
19	Bankhead NF	Early Successional Habitat Management	286	\$76,700	\$10,000	X
20	Statewide	Early Successional Habitat Management	-	-	\$50,000	X
21	Statewide	Early Successional Habitat Management	7,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	X
22	Barbour WMA	Early Successional Habitat Management	-	\$557	\$278	-
23	AL DCNR District 5	Prescribed Burning	-	-	\$618	X
24	Little River and Choccolocco WMAs	Early Successional Habitat Management	-	\$1,560	\$1,560	-
25	Sipsey Wilderness Area	Early Successional Habitat Management	-	\$127,000	\$7,640	-